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SUBJ: PRESIDENT EYADEMA DECLINES PROMOTION

REF: LOME 371

1. TOGO-PRESSE FEBRUARY 18 CARRIES BRIEF PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY PRESIDENT EYADEMA DECLINING PROMOTION TO GENERAL OF ARMY (REFTEL). MESSAGE THANKS TRADITIONAL CHIEFS, PEOPLE, CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF RPT, ARMED FORCES AND MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT FOR HAVING DONE HIM THIS HONOR, BUT ENDS: "I DECLARE, AT THE SAME TIME, THAT I DECLINE THIS DISTINCTION WHICH HAS BEEN AWARDED TO ME BY THE TOGOLESE PEOPLE."

2. TOGO-PRESSE FEBRUARY 19 REPORTS PRESIDENT EXPLAINED TO MASS RALLY IN LAMA KARA THAT HE DECLINED HONOR BECAUSE IN ACTIONS HE HAD TAKEN CONCERNING CTMB HE HAD DONE NOTHING MORE THAN HIS DUTY. THUS HE COULD NOT ACCEPT SPECIAL RECOMPENSE.

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3. SAME ISSUE ALSO REPORTS SEVEN-HOUR DEMONSTRATION IN
NUATJA IN WHICH POPULACE REJECTED PRESIDENT'S REFUSAL
TO ACCEPT PROMOTION. THIS MAY PRESSAGE MANAGED POPULAR
CAMPAIGN TO DEMAND THAT PRESIDENT ACCEPT HONOR BESTOWED ON
HIM. (THERE ARE PRECEDENTS FOR THIS, AS WHEN IN PAST HE
ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN PRESIDENCY, BUT RECANTED
BEFORE ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATION OF POPULAR SUPPORT.) IF
SO, IT WILL PROVIDE CONTINUED VEHICLE FOR LAMBASTING
IMPERIALISTS AND COLONIALISTS AND MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF
PRESIDENT'S DRIVE FOR MASSIVE GRASS-ROOTS POWER BASE.
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